

idea, a way of which getting a lottery issue in front of the Legislature, getting discussion out and determining whether or not the state should go into the statewide lottery business. Since then we have had considerable debate on LB 336. It sits up on Select File at this point ready for some sort of further action. We have had numerous communities in the state since that time vote to have local lotteries of their own, two of which happen to be in my district, Papillion and Bellevue. We have had the additional issue of whether or not the video lotteries should be allowed within the state. We have a bill that has been introduced, has a good number of co-sponsors on it that will be heard this session, will probably, maybe be advanced to the floor which we will have to decide upon. I really feel that placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot for the voters to act upon when most of us here seem to have an understanding at this point that a statewide lottery is, in fact, constitutional if we choose to have one, is really a superfluous action and so more to clear the board of unneeded legislation than because I have strong feelings pro or con on a lottery, I would ask that this motion be supported. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: There are no other lights on, so, Senator Chambers, would you care to close on your motion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Withem is right. There are others of you who have spoken to me about this and that law that is sitting up there now or that bill to be considered one way or the other has not successfully been challenged as unconstitutional. There are certain uses that cannot be made of the money generated by it and that will be subject to argument no matter what you do but I don't think that we ought to put into the Constitution things that don't need to be there and this does not need to be there even though the Silver-haired Unicameral may want it. We should not put things in the Constitution to placate, accommodate or appease groups that we have said we would do things for. Senator Beyer has introduced a bill which led to the expenditure of money for its printing. It has had a public hearing. It has taken time on the floor in terms of debate and that is as much as we should give just to accommodate a group when the provision itself is unnecessary. So I hope